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SUBJECT: TWO PIT SECRETARIAL POSITIONS

REF: SEOUL 0040

1. EMBASSY MAKES A PERSUASIVE CASE IN PARAGRAPH ONE, AND ACCORDINGLY THE DEPARTMENT APPROVES THE CONTINUATION OF PIT SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH MARCH 31. THE EMBASSY IS INFORMED NOW, HOWEVER, THAT NO FURTHER EXTENSION OF THIS POSITION WILL BE FAVORABLY CONSIDERED, AND THE REPLACEMENT WILL COME AS INDICATED IN STATE 313318.

2. THE BUREAU ALSO AND EQUALLY RELUCTANTLY APPROVES THE EXTENSION OF A SECRETARIAL POSITION IN THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF THE FORTHCOMING
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INSPECTION. WE SUGGEST THAT THE POST ONCE AGAIN CONSIDER REPROGRAMMING FROM WITHIN ITS EXISTING STAFFING TO MEET THE OBVIOUS NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE ECON/COMMERCIAL SECTION. THE BUREAU INTENDS TO ASK THE INSPECTION TEAM TO ASSESS THE NEED FOR SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE IN RELATION TO ALL OTHER AMERICAN POSITIONS ON THE EMBASSY STAFF. THE FACT THAT AID ONCE PROVIDED THIS

POSITION CANNOT AUTOMATICALLY BE CONSTRUED AS A FULL JUSTIFICATION FOR STATE'S REPLACING THE POSITION. IT WAS THE

BUREAU'S INTENTION TO PROVIDE A STOP-GAP MEASURE IN THE PIT AUTHORIZATION AND NOT TO USE THE PIT ALTERNATIVE AS A CONTINUING SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.
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